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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

Cameroon: revised draft resolution

Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/232 of 21 December 1990, 46/147 of 17 December 1991, 47/154 of 18 December 1992, 48/197 of 21 December 1993, 49/21 E of 20 December 1994 and 50/58 A of 12 December 1995,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 1071 (1996) of 30 August 1996, in which the Council, inter alia, welcomed the agreement of the Economic Community of West African States at Abuja, Nigeria, on 17 August 1996,[1] which extended the 1995 Abuja Agreement[2] until 15 June 1997, established a timetable for implementation of the Agreement, adopted a mechanism to verify compliance with the Agreement by the faction leaders and proposed possible measures against the factions in the event of non-compliance,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 23 August 1996,[3]

Deeply concerned about the adverse effects of the protracted conflict on the socio-economic development of Liberia, particularly the attacks against

[1] S/1996/679, annex.

[2] S/1995/742.

[3] A/51/303.

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civilians, the looting of property and the destruction of infrastructure throughout the country, including the capital, Monrovia, as a result of the outbreak of hostilities on 6 April 1996, and the urgent need to restore peace and stability to facilitate economic recovery and the rehabilitation and reconstruction of basic sectors of the country,

Acknowledging the efforts of Mrs. Ruth Sando Perry, Chairman of the Council of State, to govern, on behalf of the people of Liberia,

Noting with concern that the lack of adequate logistics and security guarantees from the Liberian factions continues to impair the delivery of relief assistance, particularly in the areas not yet under the control of the Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group, thereby hampering the transition from emergency to development activities,

Commending the concerted and determined efforts of the Economic Community of West African States to restore peace, security and stability in Liberia,

1. Expresses its gratitude to all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have rendered assistance to the Liberian National Transitional Government in its relief and rehabilitation activities, and urges that such assistance be continued;

2. Calls upon all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to provide Liberia with technical, financial and other assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Liberian refugees, returnees and displaced persons and the rehabilitation of combatants so as to facilitate the restoration of peace and normalcy in Liberia;

3. Reiterates its appeal to all States to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for Liberia established by the Secretary-General, inter alia, to assist the Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group to fulfil its mandate and to provide assistance for the reconstruction of Liberia;

4. Deplores all attacks against and intimidation of personnel of the United Nations, its specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group, as well as the looting of their equipment, supplies and personal property;

5. Emphasizes the urgent need for all parties and factions and their leaders in Liberia to respect fully the security and safety of all personnel of the United Nations, its specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group by ensuring their complete freedom of movement throughout Liberia and to take all measures necessary to create an atmosphere conducive to the successful resolution of the conflict;

6. Urges the factions and their leaders to establish conditions essential to the socio-economic development of Liberia by honouring their commitments to cease all hostilities and disarm their combatants according to the timetable agreed to at Abuja on 17 August 1996;

7. Commends the Secretary-General for his continuing efforts to mobilize relief and rehabilitation assistance for Liberia, and requests him:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the United Nations system to help the Liberian National Transitional Government in its reconstruction and development efforts;

(b) To undertake, when conditions permit, in close collaboration with the authorities of Liberia, an overall assessment of needs, with the objective of holding a round-table conference of donors for the reconstruction and development of Liberia;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Decides to consider at its fifty-second session the question of international assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia.